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Santa Monica Man Pleads to Possessing Child Pornography

A 59-year-old Santa Monica man entered a no contest plea today for possessing child pornography, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Angela Brunson of the Cyber Crime Division said Guido Germano entered the plea in case BA479645 to one felony count of possession of child or youth pornography.

The defendant was immediately sentenced to five years of formal felony probation and ordered to attend a minimum of 52 weeks of sex offender counseling, forfeit devices which contained any child pornography images or videos and register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Germano, who was the director of artificial intelligence medicine at a local hospital at the time, shared child pornography videos using peer-to-peer software and downloaded them onto his personal computer at his home, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.